

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract at page 14 with the following amended abstract:

Process for the ~~manufacture of~~ manufacturing a spraying, conversion, punching and/or casting tools as well as prototypes starting ~~out~~ from a models characterised by the following steps [[of]]:

- [[v]] i. ~~Roughening~~ roughening of the surface of the model without chemical pretreatment of the a surface of the model;
- [[vi]] ii. ~~Applying~~ applying an intermediate layer of copper or nickel to the surface of the model, the ~~metallie~~ intermediate layer ~~not~~ being applied by ~~thermal spraying, CVD, PVD or laser treatment~~ a chemical reduction process;
- [[vii]] iii. ~~Applying~~ applying a metallic or ceramic coating onto the intermediate layer by thermal spraying; and
- [[viii]] iv. ~~Removing~~ removing the model from the intermediate layer.